

## Remarks

### 1. Amendment of the specification:

5 In an IDE bus, commands are only sent from the host to a device and not  
in the reverse direction. Some improper descriptions regarding the  
command direction, some typos, and the addition of some reference  
numerals are corrected in the amended specification and abstract. No  
new matter is introduced in the above-mentioned amendment. Allowance  
10 for making the above-mentioned amendment is politely requested.

### 2. Amendment of the figures:

In Fig.4 and Fig.5, the buffer memory 416 is shared between the two  
15 peripheral devices 402, 404, and should not be included in the first  
peripheral device 402. In Fig.10, the Device driver 806 block has been  
enlarged to be more clear. Additionally, the Firmware runs on the  
Controller and this labeling mistake is corrected. No new matter is  
introduced in the above-mentioned amendment. Allowance for making  
20 the above-mentioned amendment is politely requested.

### 3. Amendment of the claims:

In claims 6 and 25, the spelling of hard-disk has been corrected to  
25 follow the industry standard of using a "k" for magnetic disks. No new  
matter is introduced in the above-mentioned amendment. Allowance for  
making the above-mentioned amendment is politely requested.

New claims 39-48 are added to further add the limitation of a memory  
30 for storing the data. No new matter is introduced in the above-mentioned  
amendment. Allowance for making the above-mentioned amendment is  
politely requested.

Sincerely yours,

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